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January 10, 2013

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Reply Comments - DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of LightSquared's License Modification Application.

As you know, parts of rural America are limited in their wireless choices. As a State Representative near a major metropolitan area, most of my constituents have access to high-speed wireless broadband. But many of my colleagues in the House represent districts that are seriously impacted by the lack of competition and choice when it comes to wireless services. It's because of these kinds of discrepancies that I write to urge you to do all within your power to see that rural America doesn't become less and less relevant within our country.

I also own my own photography business and when I have to travel to more rural parts of the state, I can really notice a difference in wireless coverage and speeds. It is 2013 and it seems to me that we ought to be able to rectify this lack of access by effectively using all of the resources at our disposal.

I think it is more than enough for LightSquared to give up its rights to use the spectrum that was the source of controversy around interference issues with GPS. This olive branch, in my opinion, is ample justification for the FCC to allow LightSquared to enter into a spectrum sharing agreement with the federal government. If sharing spectrum means that rural communities across Missouri and the country get quicker access to a competitive nationwide mobile broadband network, then please move quickly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwight Scharnhorst". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dwight" being more prominent.

Dwight Scharnhorst
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cc:
United States Senator Roy Blunt
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